



**MORE
GRACE**

Where were **you** thirty years ago?

Were you a kid, just learning the ropes of life? Were you a young adult trying to make big life decisions? Were you getting married? Having a baby? Moving to a new house or even a new town? Changing jobs? Did you even exist yet?

Thirty years ago, Grace Bible Church didn't exist yet. But God had big plans for this place that started with a core group of believers, lots of prayer, and some risky, faith-filled decisions. It could have gone wrong, but it went so wonderfully right! God has blessed Grace Bible Church with growth, both in depth and in number.

But this 30-year-old story is just getting started.

Maybe you've been at Grace since day one, and you're still using your gifts to further God's work. Maybe you've been a member for a few years, and you're finally feeling connected to a ministry or a small group. Maybe you're brand new, excited and nervous for the opportunities that wait for you.

And maybe you're like some of our new neighbors moving into the 1,100 homes being built down the road from us, or the people in the 12,000 cars a day that drive past our property.

Our founders may have planted Grace out in the middle of nowhere. But now, we find ourselves in the center of everywhere!

Spartanburg is growing. Last year we saw massive investments in construction for retail and industry, bringing hundreds and hundreds of new jobs to our area. Companies like BMW, who recently broke ground on a new plant right down the road in Woodruff. By 2030, Spartanburg County is projected to add 40,000 new residents. School districts are expanding, with District 4 building a new high school, and District 5 building two new schools and expanding two others. Over 3,500 housing units are currently planned within five miles of downtown Spartanburg.

We're doing our part to meet these new people coming our way, by welcoming them warmly, helping them find ways to connect and serve, and tending to spiritual and physical needs. We've recently hired a new pastor and staff members, as well as added new ministry leaders to help meet the needs of our church. **But there's one thing we can't grow past: our building.**

For over a year, our building team has been working with our ministry leaders and an architect to develop a master plan for our site.

God has given us a great campus of just over six acres with excellent visibility and access to Highway 290. And he's given us a great building that has served us

Our building is tired and nearing capacity. Time to dig and build, for God's increase and GLORY.

RICK KUHLMAN

well for over 25 years. We've remodeled it, repainted it, and repurposed it for two services to handle our growth. And there have been some amazing God stories within these walls. But now, we are nearing capacity and, with the community growing like it is, we need a better solution.

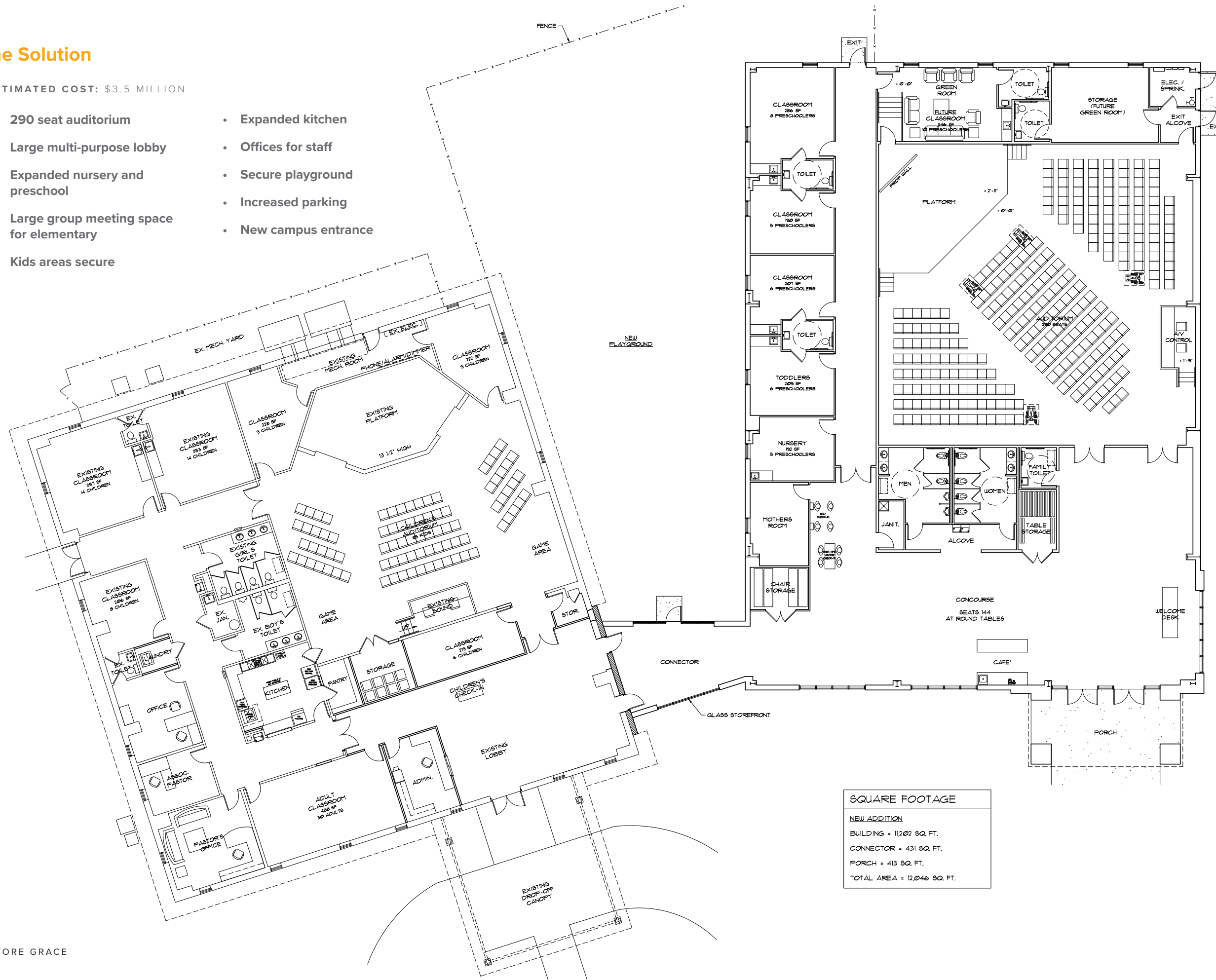
God has strategically positioned Grace Bible Church "for such a time as this" in one of the fastest growing communities in the country. Expanded facilities will help us take advantage of the extremely rare opportunity for the gospel that God has put before us.

We call it More Grace. We want to make more space for more grace for more people to give more glory to God. To do this, we've put together a plan to expand our campus.

The Solution

ESTIMATED COST: \$3.5 MILLION

- 290 seat auditorium
- Large multi-purpose lobby
- Expanded nursery and preschool
- Large group meeting space for elementary
- Kids areas secure
- Expanded kitchen
- Offices for staff
- Secure playground
- Increased parking
- New campus entrance



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The Cost ESTIMATED COST: \$3.5 MILLION

We believe we can fund this project in four ways...

- 1. Savings:** Through careful budgeting over the past few years we have saved up about \$400,000 to begin the project.
- 2. Commitments:** We are asking our people to make a three year sacrificial commitment to give above their regular giving to More Grace.
- 3. Work Days:** While the actual construction will be done by a professional contractor, there are several side projects we can do through volunteer labor.
- 4. Financing:** The remaining cost will be financed through a responsible mortgage.

Many of you currently give your time, talent, and resources to support the ministry at Grace and the spread of the gospel to the ends of the earth. And you also receive the blessings of biblical preaching, the community of believers, partnership with servants of the gospel around the world, and more.

But where will you be 30 years from now? The town and the times have changed from when our founders met and decided to make Grace Bible Church a reality. The people who came before us made sacrifices for those they hadn't met, for the future. They didn't decide that they were big enough. Instead, they followed the Great Commission, knowing that they must always be ready to serve others.

And now aren't we glad they did! They served us. Now it's our turn to do the same for the neighbors we have yet to meet. It's our turn to continue a legacy of making risky, faith-filled decisions for God's glory.

Now is the time for More Grace.



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Now it's **our** turn.

- 1. Get all the information you need.** Read these materials carefully. Attend an information meeting. Ask church leaders for their input. You can also email your questions to eric@gracebible.com for a quick reply.
- 2. Gather your family to pray.** As a family unit, begin praying for what God would have you do to help with More Grace. Invite your children to be a part of this commitment and the excitement over the future of their church. Think through ways your family can sacrifice to make this a reality.
- 3. Vote on the project.** Members will gather at Grace Life on November 5 to officially vote on moving forward with this project. Help us confirm God's call that this is the right next step for our church.
- 4. Make your commitment.** On Sunday, November 12, during our regular services, we will make our commitments for More Grace. Whatever God leads you to do—to give a little, a lot, or nothing at all—record your response on a commitment card and turn it in during the service (or mail it to the address below). Your commitment is between you and God and our confidential counting team. You will receive a letter confirming your commitment and explaining multiple ways to make your contribution over the coming year.
- 5. Celebrate!** The following Sunday, November 19, we will announce the total committed and celebrate God's goodness and provision.



KEY DATES

Information Meetings: STARTING OCT. 8

More Grace Series: STARTING OCT. 15

Grace Life Vote: NOVEMBER 5

Commitment Sunday: NOVEMBER 12

Announcement: NOVEMBER 19

“... as grace extends to more and more people, it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.”

2 CORINTHIANS 4:15